आठवीं योजना के दौरान 7,98,000 करोड़ रूपए के कुल निवेश में कृषि क्षेत्र में 1,48,800 करोड़ रूपए का वास्तविक निवेश करने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है ।

कृषि क्षेत्र में सकल पूंजी निर्माण न केवल कृषि मंत्रालय द्वारा चलाए जा रहे कार्यक्रमों से होता है, बल्कि ज्यादातर ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय और जल संसाधन मंत्रालय द्वारा चलाए जा रहे कार्यक्रमों के माध्यम से होता है । कृषि एवं सहकारिता विभाग के चालू कार्यक्रमों को भी अब इस तरह से चलाया जा रहा है कि खर्चों में कटौती की जा सके और बुनियादी सुविधाओं के निर्माण को प्रोत्साहन दिया जा सके ।

सौराष्ट्र और कच्छ क्षेत्र में कृषि उत्पाद

1557. **श्री अन्तराय देव शंकर दवे** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गुजरात राज्य के सौराष्ट्र और कच्छ क्षेत्र में पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान लगातार सूखे की स्थिति रहने के परिणामस्वरूप पानी की कमी के कारण कृषि उत्पादन पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और किन-किन जिलों में कृषि उत्पादन पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा है ?

कृषि मन्त्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविंद नेताम) : (क) पिछले पाँच वर्ष की अवधि अर्थात 1988-89 से 1992-93 तक के दौरान, गुजरात राज्य के सौराष्ट्र और कच्छ क्षेत्रों में दो वर्षों, अर्थात 1990-91 और 1991-92 के दौरान फसल बुरी तरह प्रभावित हुई ।

(ख) व्यावहारिक रूप में इस क्षेत्र के सभी जिलों अर्थात गुजरात राज्य के सौराष्ट्र और कच्छ क्षेत्र के अमरेली, भावनगर, जामनगर, जूनागढ़, कच्छ, राजकोट और सुरेन्द्रनगर में अपर्याप्त वर्षा होने के कारण 1990-91 और 1991-92 के दौरान विभिन्न अंश में फसल उत्पादन पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा ।

Protection to Pepper cultivator

1558. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI J. S. RAJU :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 266 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th May, 1993 and state :

(a) the quantity of pepper purchased under market intervention scheme;

(b) whether the scheme was extended beyond the 30th June, 1993;

(c) whether the market price of pepper did reach the desired price of Rs. 33/- per kg. for fair average quality in the commercial market of Kerala during the scheme;

(d) if so, details thereof; if not, reasons therefor;

(e) what is the present market price of fair average quality of pepper in the commercial market of Kerala;

(f) whether there is any proposal before Government to intervene in the market and to procure fair average quality of pepper at Rs. 33/- per kg. and export the same; and

(g) if not, what other steps are being taken to improve the market price of pepper to help marginal farmers in Kerala from economic servitude ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) A targetted quantity of 3000 metric tonnes of black pepper was purchased by the NAFED and the State designated agency under Market Intervention Scheme.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) The present market price of fair average quality of pepper in Kerala markets is around Rs. 30.50 per kg. as against the prevailing price of Rs. 25.28 before implementation of Scheme. No proposal to render further help to black pepper growers has been received from the State Government.

(g) Integrated programme for the development of the spices is being implemented for increasing the production and productivity of spices including pepper to make it competitive in the international market.

Drought hit areas

1559. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages and towns in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Bihar, Orissa and the other States and Union Territories declared drought hit this year State/U.T.-wise;

(b) the extent of scarcity estimates with respect to different States and territories; and the Central and State relief measures taken to help the victims; and

(c) whether any long term measures are proposed to be taken for the drought hit areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Demolishing of Cargill Seeds India Limited

1560. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI G. G. SWELL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether agitated farmers demolished part of the Cargill Seeds India Limited, at Bellary;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have since formulated a coherent and sustainable seeds policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Farmers of the Karnataka Rajya Ryotha Sangha have reportedly attacked and damaged part of the buildings of M/s. Cargill Seeds India Pvt. Ltd. (Bellary) in protest against multinational companies in the Seed Sector.

(c) The Seed Policy of the Government formulated in 1988, is reviewed periodically with the objective of ensuring sustained development in the Seed Sector.

Production of Pulses

1561. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:
DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a mission oriented programme to increase production of pulses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the programme has since been finalised;

(d) if so, the priorities fixed thereunder;

(e) by when it is likely to be launched;

(f) whether Government have also fixed targets for increasing per hectare production rate alongwith increasing total production;

(g) if so, what was the average per hectare production rate of pulses during the year 1992-93; and

(h) what future targets have been fixed to increase this rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (e) Pulses have been brought under the ambit of Technology Mission on Oilseeds (TMO) w.e.f. August, 1990. The programme for increasing the production of pulses have been formulated on the lines of Technology Mission on Oilseeds through the formulation of four Mini-Missions dealing with Research and Evolution of Production Technology, Processing and Post Harvest Technology, input support services to the farmers and Marketing aspects.

(f) to (h) The production target of pulses fixed for 1993-94 is 15.5 million tonnes. The productivity targets are not fixed. The average field of pulses recorded during 1992-93 has been 617 Kg/hectare. The production target for the terminal year of the VIII Plan 1996-97 has been fixed at 17.0 million tonnes.

Consumption of Fertilizer

1562. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total and per hectare consumption of fertilizer during the last three years;

(b) whether there has been a decline in the consumption of certain fertilizer recently;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to keep the fertilizer consumption up in the backdrop of rising fertilizer prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The table below gives the total and per hectare consumption of fertilizers for cropped area during the last three years:

Year	Consumption (Lakh tonnes N+P+K)	Per hectare consumption (Estimated) (Kgs. N+P+K)